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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. _____

TOPIC Military Information from Leisnig

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DATE OF CONTENT 15 to 31 October 1953

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 31 October 1953, the Von-dem-Busche Kaserne in Leisnig was occupied almost to capacity. About 90 to 100 T-34, JS-1 and JS-2 tanks and JSU-122 guns, and 11 armored scout cars with covered numbers were seen, when the troops returned to the installation about 24 October. Numerous trucks and intensive maintenance work were observed in the barracks area. The trucks included some loaded with supplies and others occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia and coming from the Minkwitz firing range.

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2. On 31 October, the Friedrich August Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Source determined 57-mm AT guns and 132-mm and 82-mm rocket launchers in the barracks area. The troops had returned to the installation exclusively during the night.
3. On 25 October, the Von-dem-Busche Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Between 15 and 25 October, source did not observe any training activity. Troops observed engaged in cleaning work.

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4. On 25 October, the Friedrich August Kaserne was heavily occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Little activity was observed in the barracks area. No training was conducted. Nor did source observe any vehicular traffic. Numerous officers and EM were seen en route between the installation and the town.

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